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DATE: February 9, 2026
TO: House Committee on Revenue
FROM: Laurie Trieger, Lane County Board of Commissioners, District 3
RE: HB 4148, Relating to Local Taxation

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is Laurie Trieger, and I am the Lane County Commissioner representing District 3. I'm here in support of HB 4148.

I want to thank Representative Walters, Senator Weber, and the other sponsors and co-sponsors for their leadership. Their work ensures counties like Lane can responsibly manage the impacts of tourism without undermining tourism promotion itself.

Let me be clear at the outset: this bill does not raise taxes, and it does not weaken tourism marketing. It preserves some of Transient Lodging Tax revenue for tourism promotion and facilities. But it does update outdated restrictions so local governments can address the real costs tourism creates.

Tourism is a vital economic driver in Lane County. But today, when visitors rely on police, fire, emergency services, and roads, Oregonians are often picking up the tab. That's a tax fairness issue—not a tourism issue.

HB 4148 strikes a responsible balance. It ensures tourism promotion remains funded, while allowing flexibility to invest in the public safety and infrastructure that make tourism possible in the first place. Strong marketing means little if communities lack the capacity to keep visitors safe and facilities functioning.

This approach actually protects tourism over the long term. By reinvesting in the services and infrastructure visitors depend on, we safeguard Oregon's reputation as a safe, welcoming, and well-maintained destination.

HB 4148 ensures visitors contribute to the costs they generate, rather than shifting that burden onto local residents. It is a thoughtful, forward-looking update that keeps tourism strong and sustainable.

I respectfully urge your support.

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY VANESSA CORNWALL, LANE COUNTY
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